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# JACKET SPORTS



## Spider No More: Transformation of a XC Runner

BY TIM MILLER '20

The attraction to compete in NCAA Division I athletics captivates many teens across the United States. You can include Andrew Testas '20 in that category. Testas, a cross country athlete at Cedarville University, competed for the Division I Richmond Spiders last fall.

Division I offers sprinkled in for Testas during his senior season of high school. He took his time fielding offers from multiple programs and visited their various campuses. "There was just that appeal of getting flown down for a visit," he said. "The Division I life just sounded nice."

However, the glamour of leaving home soon faded, and although he began to run better toward the end of the season, something still felt off about where he was. The reality of Division I athletics was not exactly what he had envisioned, and he began reassessing his decision.

After praying about it, Testas decided to remain in Richmond for his spring semester, sensing that God had placed him there for a reason. But this past summer, Testas revisited the idea of coming to Cedarville. He recalled the way Cedarville's distance coach Paul Orchard treated him during his visit: his worth to the program wasn't based on performance. "I felt like Coach O cared about me as an individual."

Orchard wasn't the only person who attracted Testas to Cedarville. His girlfriend at the time, Brooke Richardson '20, gave Testas more reason to transfer. Testas and Richardson



Andrew Testas '20 races for the finish line at the All-Ohio Championships on September 29.

are now engaged and both are on track to graduate in 2020.

The transition to Cedarville has been smooth for Testas, and he's enjoyed each aspect of being a Yellow Jacket. He's excited to be around a team that has the same goal in mind. He wants to grow in his relationship with God and prepare himself to be an excellent husband for Brooke.

"I want to realize that whatever God calls me to do, that I do it to His glory," Testas said.

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Nov. 17, 7:45 p.m. vs. Miami-Hamilton  
Nov. 18, 5:15 p.m. vs. Lake Superior State  
Nov. 20, 7 p.m. vs. Northwood  
Nov. 28, 7:45 p.m. vs. Ohio Christian  
Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. vs. Shawnee State  
Dec. 7, 7:45 p.m. vs. Trevecca  
Dec. 9, 4:15 p.m. vs. Kentucky Wesleyan  
Dec. 16, 4:15 p.m. vs. Findlay  
Jan. 20, 4:15 p.m. vs. Hillsdale  
Jan. 27, 4:15 p.m. vs. Ohio Valley  
Jan. 30, 7:45 p.m. vs. Malone  
Feb. 10, 7:45 p.m. vs. Ohio Dominican  
Feb. 17, 4:15 p.m. vs. Lake Erie  
Feb. 22, 7:45 p.m. vs. Davis & Elkins  
Feb. 24, 4:15 p.m. vs. Alderson Broaddus

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 10, 7:45 p.m. vs. Wisconsin-Parkside  
Nov. 11, 3:15 p.m. vs. Ashland  
Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m. vs. Ohio Christian  
Nov. 27, 7 p.m. vs. Indianapolis  
Nov. 30, 5:30 p.m. vs. Wilberforce  
Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m. vs. Trevecca  
Dec. 9, 2 p.m. vs. Kentucky Wesleyan  
Dec. 16, 2 p.m. vs. Findlay  
Jan. 15, 7 p.m. vs. Hillsdale  
Jan. 27, 2 p.m. vs. Ohio Valley  
Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m. vs. Malone  
Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m. vs. Ohio Dominican  
Feb. 15, 7 p.m. vs. Ursuline  
Feb. 17, 2 p.m. vs. Lake Erie  
Feb. 22, 5:30 p.m. vs. Davis & Elkins  
Feb. 24, 2 p.m. vs. Alderson Broaddus